

# Rotary Club of Portage Bulletin

## Porta-Rota-Call

**Ring Bell at 12pm**

**Four Way Test: Led by President Emily**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Emily**

**Invocation:** Jeannine Willacker

**Bulletin:** Bob Borsos

**Program:** Introduced by Ben Barber - Dr Jeff Theones, Superintendent of Comstock Schools has been on the job for 3 years. Jeff gravitated to teaching after serving in the Peace Core in Guatemala for two years. Comstock lost much of its funding with the closing of the GM plant. Most of its buildings and infrastructure were built over 50 years ago and tired. A recent bond provided \$40,000,000 to freshen up many of the buildings and adding air conditioning to improve the quality of air in the buildings and to protect the students and staff from the transmission of COVID-19.

The Comstock School District is still navigating the pandemic. The students at the elementary level are now back in the class room 5 days a week with the middle and high school in class rooms for 4 days a week. 93% of the teachers and staff have voluntarily been immunized and the students follow the masking and separation protocols. One student on bowling team came down with COVID-19 and the program had to be cancelled, but other sports have continued.

Comstock is planning for a new \$30,000,000 bond campaign to continue improving its buildings and infrastructure and attracting new families into the system. The new bonds will not increase the taxes for the citizens because of the repayment of the previous bonds.

Many thanks to Jeff for his program.

## Announcements

- Virtual Auction Update – will be provided at a later date.
- Amazon Smile Link - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3353675> - use this link to add Amazon as your chosen non-profit
- **You can now include the PayPal fee in your PayPal transaction** - Payments are accepted through PayPal for Rotary items, you can find a PayPal quick link at <http://www.portagerotary.org/>, or use your PayPal app using [Rotaryclubofportage@gmail.com](mailto:Rotaryclubofportage@gmail.com)

**Birthdays, Anniversaries.** Mary Hall, Tom Welsh and Jacob Maxson all celebrated birthdays. Tim & Valerie Summers celebrated their wedding anniversary on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Bucks and Other Fines (Sgt at Arms):** Dick Hewitt helped Emily on her first Zoom meeting. Paul Ballard attended several tennis tournaments and started preparing for the Boys Junior National tournament this summer.

Karen Foster quizzed the membership to raise fines and she was successful.

## Thank visiting Rotarians and Guests

### Replay Zoom meeting –

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Notice: An Application for Membership in the Portage Rotary Club has been submitted by Amy Moon. She is sponsored by Emily Holman Turner and her classification would be 16-01 Human Resources. Any member wishing to comment on this Application should do so in writing, either by mail addressed to the Secretary at P O Box 55, Portage, MI 49081 or email addressed to the Secretary at [Kimberlyscarr@yahoo.com](mailto:Kimberlyscarr@yahoo.com). The comment period will close seven days after the second publication of this Notice.



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